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1. Arif Ghurayyib\* asserts that during his recent stay in Paris he reached an agreement with the French Foreign Office to publish an Arabic language newspaper to be supported by the French Government, which would help Ghurayyib distribute the paper in North Africa and the Arab colonies in France. Through this paper Ghurayyib is to spread pro-French propaganda in the French colonies and the Arab countries. Ghurayyib is to handle Lebanese questions in his own way. Source states that Ghurayyib has excoriated the various Lebanese Governments that have been in power since 1943, saying that their feudalistic attitudes and personal greed were the main reasons for the spread of Communism in Lebanon.

2. Ghurayyib is at present attempting to find someone who will go to Paris with him to help edit this paper. He has asked Monseigneur Louis Khalil to do so, and has offered him a salary of 1,000 Lebanese pounds per month.

3. Source states that [REDACTED] in Damascus, pays the following newspapers a monthly allowance of 1,500 Syrian pounds: al-Nasr, al-Kifah, al-Ayyam, and al-Ikhar.\*\*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. Arif Ghurayyib, who has recently returned to Lebanon from an arts purchasing mission to Europe (see [REDACTED]), is a Maronite and the former editor of al-Nassa, a Beirut newspaper which was reported in 1945 to have been financed by the French.

\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. For [REDACTED] outlets in Lebanon, see [REDACTED]

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